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Roosevelt as a Street Attraction.

These were the parting words of George W. Perkins yesterday upon leaving home for Chicago:

"I am going to do all I can for the country and expect him to be nominated and elected President. The demonstrations for the colonel at Kansas City, St. Louis and everywhere else he has been must prove that the American people want him."

The demonstrations at Kansas City and St. Louis prove nothing except that Mr. Roosevelt as a street attraction is a howling success. But there is nothing new in that. It was already known. It has been shown repeatedly in the past sixteen years. He can raise and ride a street excitement to beat the band. His equal in that matter does not live in this country. Mr. Bryan possesses such power, but not in as great degree. It takes Mr. Roosevelt, riding through a human lane of men, women and children, to give the supreme touch to hubbaloob. He can make them all, for the moment, "want Teddy."

But such demonstrations, such expressions, are no fit guide for the nomination of a candidate for President. Elections are not carried by such means. A candidate for President is under examination by the voters for a long time. The Chicago nominee will be under the strongest glass for four months odd. Mere shouting and tumult cannot be made to cover such a period. Reflection comes; and a candidacy which cannot stand the acid test, of course, fails. How would the republicans explain Mr. Roosevelt as their leader? By his own confession, repeatedly made, he is not one of them. He has denounced and tried to destroy the party. That the party survives and is in its present militant form no thanks are due to him. Rather is the fact the sharpest possible rebuke to him.

How would he explain his clear and positive promise not to seek another term as President? He encountered that four years ago, and found it more than annoying. He would encounter it again this year, and find it more embarrassing than then. He would like to forget it, but he cannot make the people forget it.

As the candidate of big business—the steel trust heading the procession—with Mr. Perkins chief marshal, what appeal would Mr. Roosevelt make to the rank and file? What explanation would be offered of the change of attitude on the part of big business? It was once his bitter foe. It is now his most vigorous sponsor. What has brought about such a radical shift of position? What is the understanding?

Preparedness is a great issue, and Mr. Roosevelt is on the right side of it. But it is not the only issue, and it would not hide other issues on which he is not on the right side, and the republicans would find out under his leadership.

The President as a Marcher. Washington's preparedness parade will be distinctive above all others that may be held in this country. At its head will march the President of the United States, as a citizen of the republic. This announcement of Mr. Wilson's desire to participate individually in the parade assures the success of the plan beyond all question. No citizen can withhold his participation in the demonstration in the light of this example. The President, as an advocate of preparedness, will attest to his belief in the need of an adequate national defense by his physical presence in the line, and with him should march every other Washingtonian. What matters it if the entire city parades, with none left for spectators? Such a manifestation of unanimity would be the most striking evidence of the popular feeling for provision for the country's safety.

A long walk in a preparedness parade does not represent much physical training, but it is a start in the right direction and shows the proper spirit.

There was a time when no party would think of entering a campaign without promising to bust the trusts.

One Hundred Days at Verdun. After one hundred days of furious battling the fight at Verdun is continuing with apparently undiminished fury. First one side gains and then the other reverses lost ground. Lately the Germans have forced their lines a little closer to the goal, but the latest report indicates that the French have held their ground at the vital points. At Dead Man hill, west of the Meuse, where thousands have been sacrificed in the effort to gain or to hold the eminence from which a commanding artillery sweep is possible, the fight rages with special violence, and without definite result.

How much longer this can continue no man is able to foretell. There is evidence that the Germans have been bringing up heavy reinforcements, consisting, it is believed, of fresh troops, some from the far Russian front, where they have

been enjoying a comparative respite from active duty for some months. It is also reported that Austrian forces are reaching Verdun or have already arrived. Evidently the German general staff is bent upon piercing the French line at all costs.

The reason for this persistence, which has cost the German armies, it is estimated, more than 300,000 casualties—one French computation lately made it 350,000—is plain. Germany has reached a stage in the war at which some sort of conquest is necessary. A victory at Verdun, of however small military value in itself, would undoubtedly fire the hearts of the German people and would moreover give Berlin an advantage in any peace negotiations that might soon be begun.

From a military point of view the capture of Verdun remains of as little value now as in the early days of this drive, nearly four months ago. If the French lines were merely bent back behind Verdun, remaining intact, there would be a rearrangement of the front without the opening of a gap through which the Germans might begin a new drive on Paris. But Paris would be of no more importance as an objective now than in the first days of the war, when the German columns were deliberately turned aside from that goal in order to overtake, and, if possible, outflank and capture the French army. The capture of Calais would be of real advantage to the German cause. The capture of Verdun, now merely a shell of a city, with the French communication lines behind it reorganized already in anticipation of its possible capture, would be of no more than moral value. The cost of the effort has already been appalling.

Mr. Marshall at St. Louis.

The secretary of the democratic national committee has arrived in St. Louis, and this is attributed to him:

"A vice presidential fight is certain in the convention. President Wilson will sweep the field."

Is it not in the power of the President to "sweep the field" for Mr. Marshall? Could he not by a mere hint dissipate the opposition to his yoke-mate? His say will be powerful in the matter of the platform. In fact, is a very large measure, he will be adopted without his knowledge and vice. The St. Louis convention will be of, by and for the President.

Why should not Mr. Wilson, if necessary, "sweep the field" for Mr. Marshall? He has had as much approval from his associate as any President ever received from a yoke-mate. The word "assistance" is barred, for the reason that Mr. Wilson is not the sort of man to invite assistance from any source, or even accept it when offered. He "goes it alone" as a rule, and seems to like that way of playing the game.

But the St. Louis situation as respects Mr. Marshall may be affected by what has been done at Chicago. Suppose the republicans have nominated Mr. Fairbanks for first place. Or suppose they have nominated him for second place on a ticket with Justice Hughes. Either performance would increase interest in Indiana, and force the democrats to confess the importance of the state. And the proper confession would, of course, be the renomination of Mr. Marshall, personally the most popular of Indiana democrats.

Roger Sullivan has been mentioned for Mr. Marshall's place, but no encouraging response from outside Illinois has been heard. The suggestion lacks felicity. Mr. Sullivan is an ardent Wilson man, but the ticket of Wilson and Sullivan would want proportion, so to say.

Gov. Major of Missouri would like the nomination, and has a boomlette. But the proposition upon which the boomlette rests proves too much. Granted that the nomination of Gov. Major would make the ticket safe in Missouri, what must be the democratic situation elsewhere if Missouri needs "saving" in that way? And what strength outside his own state would Gov. Major bring to the ticket? Well and favorably known at home, he is but little known elsewhere.

Should Mr. Marshall be turned down the democrats would face a question difficult to answer. All through the campaign they would be asked to explain why Mr. Wilson had been taken and Mr. Marshall rejected. And any answer reflecting upon either Mr. Marshall's democracy or his record in the vice presidency would injure the party rather than the man.

It is too much to expect that a party platform can undertake to offer solutions for all the serious questions that have arisen. Some of the work will have to be left to the June graduate.

Insinuations of the presence of pork arise in such unexpected ways that a definition of the line where legitimate profit ceases and graft begins may be necessary.

The New York small boys who ran away to "get Villa" evidently do not think that Carranza has been doing all that could be expected.

The vice presidency is the office that comes nearer than any other to being obliged to seek the man.

Final Adjournment. An interesting question is, How long after the national conventions have completed their work will Congress remain in session? Some of the most important measures are being held back until the national tickets have been named and the platforms adopted.

The answer to the question should be, As long as may be necessary to give those measures full discussion and put them in the best shape possible. If two months, let it be so. There will be an attempt to rush things, but it should not succeed.

At the beginning of the session it

was urged that adjournment should be taken before convention time. Members, it was pointed out, would want to take part in the ticket-making and platform-building. But it soon became apparent that the congressional card carried too much to admit of such a thing. So here we are, on the eve of the first of the two conventions, with some of the most important features of the card not yet reached.

After the conventions, some impatience will be manifested by senators and representatives looking to their campaigns for re-election. They will want to get home as soon as possible. So much is at stake, they will feel a strong desire to take personal charge.

This is a very natural feeling; and present conditions are very unusual. The eye of the chief is better than that of his lieutenant. And, of course, the chief, while working for himself, will be working also for his party's national ticket.

Nevertheless, there should be no hurry in finishing up here. Neither the local nor the national campaigns will be in full swing before September. Campaigning these days is expensive. It takes a lot of money to set such huge machinery in motion, and keep it in motion once started. September and October, therefore, will witness the big wheels in their fullest and swiftest revolutions.

We may expect the post-convention debates in Congress to be enlivened by convention echoes. The records of the presidential candidates will be examined. The promises contained in the platforms will be compared. Many things will be pointed to with pride, and quite as many viewed with alarm. But, allowing for all that, much of interest bearing directly on measures under discussion will be in order, and should be said in a way to command attention. Hurry might make worry.

Shackleton Safe. Whether or not he succeeded in reaching the south pole, the return of Sir Ernest Shackleton safely to the Falkland Islands is most gratifying. This intrepid explorer, whose achievements in the southern region of ice have marked him as an exceptional man, was thought to have been surely lost when his ship was found adrift and was brought northward to harbor. Just how he made his way to the islands remains to be disclosed. When Shackleton was in Washington, after his first return from the south polar field, he made a deep impression for modesty and ability upon all who met him, and this ability upon all who feel a keen personal interest in him. Even though he may have failed to reach the goal touched by the lamented Scott, it is assured that he has brought results from his expedition, for he is one of the most skilled explorers the world holds today.

Germany and England are each inclined to be almost superstitious concerning any aggressions that the other may undertake against the neutral rights of this country. Up to this time Uncle Sam has managed to avoid asking for sympathy from either side.

A preparedness parade shows the sentiment of the people, and while not exactly representative of any logical process of thought is more convincing than the arguments put forth by some of the pacifists.

In spite of Henry Ford's remarkable showing, it is doubted whether the dove of peace will ever succeed in crowding the American eagle off the campaign platform.

T. R.'s manner continues to be altogether too joyously self-approving to meet the "old guard's" views as to how a prodigal son should behave.

Classifying the demand for preparedness as "hyateria" threatens to bring the medical experts into the congressional controversy.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Tedious Narratives. "Do you think people ought to be perfectly frank in admitting their mistakes?"

"No," replied Miss Cayenne. "People who pride themselves on admitting their mistakes usually get into the habit of telling hard luck stories."

Usual Demonstration.

Ere long in strife political Will clash the phrases glorious. The situation's critical; The language is censorious.

Service.

"Of course, you want to serve your country," said the patriotic citizen.

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "But I want my constituents to have first helping, as far as possible."

Even the helpful and unselfish man

is under suspicion of trying to get more than his share of heavenly reward hereafter.

Unreasonable Suggestion.

"Don't you think the sword ought to be turned into plowshares?"

"If you knew my business, you wouldn't ask me such a question," returned the indignant stranger. "I'm a professional sword-swallower."

Blissful Ignorance.

"Way up yonder in de tree Bird is singin' gay an' free, Jes' as happy as you choose— Dat bird sure don' hear de news."

Butterfly come driftin' by, Tremblin' where de warm winds sigh. Dey finds happiness immense, Same as if dey had good sense.

At the beginning of the session it

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